



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON
DISABILITIES
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
<http://laccod.org>**

Wednesday, June 17, 2015

1:00 PM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (15-2954)

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Call to Order. (15-2306)

The meeting was called to order by President Janet A. Neal at 1:12 p.m.

Present: President Janet A. Neal, 1st Vice President Wendy Welt Narro, 2nd Vice President John B. Troost, Treasurer Winslow C. Reitnouer, Commissioner Carlos Benavides, Commissioner John R. James, Commissioner Steve Miller, Commissioner Hector Ochoa and Commissioner Dee Pinchbeck

Absent: Commissioner Edward A. Colley, Commissioner Michael Gureckas, Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish and Commissioner Sheila D. Wright

Excused: Commissioner Lourdes Caracoza, Commissioner Peggie Reyna and Commissioner Wan Chun Chang

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of May 20, 2015. (15-2307)

On motion of 1st Vice President Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by Treasurer Winslow Reitnouer, and unanimously carried, the Minutes for May 20, 2015 were approved.

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2. Receive and file Financial Report for the month ending March 31, 2015, as submitted by Treasurer Winslow Reitnouer. (15-1635)

Treasurer Winslow Reitnouer noted the report being submitted was for the period of November 30, 2014 to March 31, 2015 and does not reflect the current balance of the Commission. The report had not been filed for several months due to the lack of a quorum.

After discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, the Treasurer's report was received and filed.

President Janet A. Neal presented a certificate of appreciation and an orchid plant to Treasurer Winslow Reitnouer for her dedication to the Commission.

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3. Receive and File President Report for the Month of June 2015. (15-2308)

Prior to submitting her report, President Janet A. Neal thanked Commissioners and all those present for their continued support during her tenure as President of the Commission.

She reported the Commission's request for a ramp dedication in the name of Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. would need to be revisited. There has been no movement since the Commission's last request to the District Offices. She found two DVD discs from former Commissioner Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. television show, "The Beat Goes On," to hopefully present to District Offices seeking support for a ramp dedication. She stated Commissioner Carlos Benavides will make copies of the discs.

By Common Consent, there being no objection, her verbal report was received.

4. Election of Officers for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year. (15-2309)

Staff, Emma De Jesus, distributed to the Commission the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year election ballots.

After tallying the votes, the following was read for the record and submitted for approval:

President

Number of votes cast 10
Necessary for election 6
Carlos Benavides received 8
Hector Ochoa received 2

First Vice President

Number of votes cast 10
Necessary for election 6
Janet A. Neal 7
Wendy Welt Narro received 3
Hector Ochoa received 0

Second Vice President

Number of votes cast 10
Necessary for election 6
Janet A. Neal received 2
John James received 2
John B. Troost received 1
Wendy Welt Narro received 5

Treasurer

Number of votes cast 9
Necessary for election 5
Lourdes Caracoza received 9
Abstention 1

After discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, approved were the seats of the Commission on Disabilities for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year.

President: Carlos Benavides
1st Vice President: Janet A. Neal
2nd Vice President: Wendy Welt Narro
Treasurer: Lourdes Caracoza

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II. SET MATTERS**S1.** 1:30 p.m.

Report by the Brian J. Stiger, Executive Office Director, Department of Consumer And Business Affairs, on its responsibilities and/or direct services that substantially impact the lives of people with disabilities, as requested by the Commission on Disabilities. (15-2779)

Brian Stiger, Executive Office Director, Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, provided a brochure and gave a short overview of the department's responsibilities and services that impacted the lives of people with disabilities.

During discussion, President Janet A. Neal commented on level sidewalks and gas station non compliance. Commissioner Chaturvedi commented on public buses drivers. Commissioner John James suggested on the Department provide a TDD phone number on the brochure.

Mr. Stiger responded to questions posed by Commissioners and members of the public.

After discussion, Commissioner Steve Miller made a suggestion that the Department look at forming community outreach program to try and assist these and other constituent concerns.

After further discussion, the Department was asked to report back to the Commission at a future meeting on level sidewalks and assist in finding the correct jurisdiction for those gas stations that refuse to assist with gas pumps for people with disabilities.

President Janet A. Neal thanked Mr. Stiger for his helpful presentation and looked forward to him coming back to answer questions poised by the Commission.

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S2. 2:00 p.m.

Report by Daniel Levy, Executive Officer, Civil Rights Program Compliance, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, on its responsibilities and/or direct services that substantially impact the lives of people with disabilities, as requested by the Commission on Disabilities. (15-2780)

Daniel Levy provided a Power Point Presentation entitled, "Above & Beyond ADA." that highlighted the following subject matters:

- **Provisions for priority and additional seating for passengers on wheelchairs and walkers;**
- **Changes to new rail Substations;**
- **Changes to assist the visually impaired; and**
- **Modifications to assist bus operators with training.**

After his presentation, Mr. Levy responded to questions posed by the Commission and members of the public. President Janet A. Neal thanked Mr. Levy for his informative presentation.

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III. REPORTS**5.** Receive and File Events/Standing Committee Reports for June 2015:

- Events: Commissioners Neal (Chair), Reitnouer, Troost
- Education: Commissioners Troost (Chair), James, Neal
- Transportation: Commissioners Neal (Chair), Reitnouer, Troost
- Housing: Commissioners Welt Narro (Chair), Teran, Neal
- Recreation: Commissioners Benavides (Chair) (15-2798)

On motion of President Janet A. Neal, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was continued to the next meeting without discussion.

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6. Receive and file report by Steven Simon, Executive Director, Los Angeles City Department on Disability on overview of services and participation in the 2015 Special Olympics. (Continued from meeting of May 20, 2015) (15-2316)

On behalf of Executive Director Steven Simon, Carey Stone, ADA Coordinator of the City of Los Angeles Department on Disability provided an overview of services and participation in the 2015 Special Olympics. She shared an invitation letter from Councilmember Gilbert Cedillo to the Commission on July 23, 2015 march in the parade for the 2015 Special Olympics.

7. Commissioner Announcements. (15-2311)

Treasurer Winslow Reitnouer announced her 62nd Wedding Anniversary will be on June 21, 2015.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

8. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (15-2312)

No matters were posted.

Public Comment

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (15-2120)

Sawako Nitao, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on METRO rail going to San Fernando Valley.

Kimberly Whyte, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on discrimination due to medical condition.

Jacob Cohen, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on METRO frequency map for buses.

Teddie-Joy Remhild, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on her reappointment with Personal Assistance Services Council. She reported that Greg Thompson is the contact person on In-Home Services.

Chanh To, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on the 11th Annual Hoarding Forum to be held on June 30 and July 1, 2015 at the California Endowment Center.

Phyllis Coto, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on her hardship to obtain a County provider for In-Home Support Services.

Commissioners Steve Miller, John James, Rosa Maria Chaturvedi commented on transportation issues.

After discussions, there being no objection, and by Common Consent, this item was filed.

Adjournment

- 10. Adjournment for the meeting of June 17, 2015. (15-2791)**

On motion of Commissioner Winslow Reitnouer, seconded by 2nd Vice President John Troost, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.